GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF TOURISM

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1199 ANSWERED ON 08.12.2025

EVALUATION OF SDS AND PRASHAD SCHEMES

†1199. SHRI BABU SINGH KUSHWAHA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the development of heritage sites under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme and Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) Scheme has been successful in promoting tourism;
- (b) the number of projects completed under these schemes during the last five years and the percentage of increment took place in generating local employments;
- (c) whether the Government has entered into partnership with the private sector and local communities to promote cultural tourism; and
- (d) if so, the details and the outcomes thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Tourism, through its ongoing Central Sector Schemes of Swadesh Darshan (SD) and Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) supplements the efforts of the State Governments (SGs) and Union Territories (UTs) by providing financial assistance for tourism infrastructure development, including heritage sites.

Under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme, out of 76 sanctioned projects, 75 projects have been physically completed and under the PRASHAD Scheme, out of 54 sanctioned projects, 32 projects have been

physically completed. The list of the projects completed under Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD Scheme is Annexed.

Under these schemes, the Ministry seeks to develop tourism infrastructure in a holistic manner with the objective of boosting tourism, generating employment, and strengthening the local economy.

The Ministry encourages active stakeholder participation and engagement of local communities in order to promote sustainable and inclusive tourism development. Further, the States/UTs are required to ensure the sustainable operation and maintenance of completed projects. Wherever required, Public-Private Partnership (PPP) are explored to ensure the long-term sustainability of the facilities created under the aforementioned Schemes.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1199 ANSWERED ON 08.12.2025 REGARDING EVALUATION OF SDS AND PRASHAD SCHEMES RAISED BY SHRI BABU SINGH KUSHWAHA.

(i) List of completed projects under Swadesh Darshan Scheme is as under:

(Amount in ₹ crore)

S. No.	State/UT	Circuit/ Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Long Island-Ross Smith Island- Neil Island- Havelock Island- Baratang Island-Port Blair	27.57
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Coastal Circuit 2014-15	Development of Kakinada - Hope Island - Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary - Passarlapudi - Aduru - S Yanam - Kotipally	67.83
3.	Andhra Pradesh	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Nellore - Pulikat Lake - Ubblamadugu Water Falls - Nelapattu- Kothakoduru- Mypadu - Ramateertham - Iskapalli	49.55
4.	Andhra Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit 2017-18	Development of Buddhist Circuit: Shalihundam- Bavikonda- Bojjanakonda - Amravati- Anupu	35.24

5.	Arunachal	North-East	Development of	49.77
	Pradesh	Circuit	Bhalukpong- Bomdila	
		2014-15	and Tawang	
6.	Arunachal	North-East	Development of Nafra-	96.72
	Pradesh	Circuit	Seppa- Pappu, Pasa,	
		2015-16	Pakke Valleys-	
			Sangdupota- New	
			Sagalee- Ziro- Yomcha	
7.	Assam	Wildlife	Development of Manas-	94.68
		Circuit	Probitora- Nameri-	
		2015-16	Kaziranga– Dibru–	
			Saikhowa	
8.	Assam	Heritage	Development of Tezpur –	90.98
		Circuit	Majuli – Sibsagar	
		2016-17		
9.	Bihar	Tirthankar	Development of	33.96
		Circuit	Vaishali- Arrah- Masad-	
		2016-17	Patna- Rajgir- Pawapuri-	
			Champapuri	
10.	Bihar	Spiritual	Development of	44.76
		Circuit	Kanwaria Route:	
		2016-17	Sultanganj –	
			Dharmshala- Deoghar	
11.	Bihar	Buddhist	Development of	95.18
		Circuit	Buddhist circuit-	
		2016-17	Construction of	
			Convention Centre at	
			Bodhgaya	
12.	Bihar	Rural	Development of	44.27
		Circuit	Bhitiharwa- Chandrahia-	
		2017-18	Turkaulia	
13.	Bihar	Spiritual	Development of Mandar	44.55
		Circuit	Hill & Ang Pradesh	
		2017-18		
14.	Chhattisgarh	Tribal	Development of	96.10
		Circuit	Jashpur- Kunkuri-	
		2015-16	Mainpat- Kamleshpur -	
			Maheshpur -Kurdar -	
			Sarodhadadar- Gangrel-	
			Kondagaon-	

			Nathiyanawagaon- Jagdalpur- Chitrakoot- Tirthgarh	
15.	Goa	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sinquerim-Baga, Anjuna-Vagator, Morjim- Keri, Aguada Fort and Aguada Jail	97.65
16.	Goa	Coastal Circuit 2017-18	Development of Coastal Circuit II: Rua De Orum Creek - Dona Paula - Colva - Benaulim	99.35
17.	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Ahmedabad- Rajkot- Porbandar -Bardoli- Dandi	59.17
18.	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Vadnagar- Modhera	91.12
19.	Gujarat	Buddhist Circuit 2017-18	Development of Junagadh- Gir Somnath- Bharuch-Kutch- Bhavnagar- Rajkot- Mehsana	26.68
20.	Haryana	Krishna Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourism Infrastructures at places related to Mahabharata in Kurukshetra	77.39
21.	Himachal Pradesh	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Himalayan Circuit: Kiarighat, Shimla, Hatkoti, Manali, Kangra, Dharamshala, Bir, Palampur, Chamba	68.34
22.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Jammu- Srinagar-Pahalgam- Bhagwati Nagar- Anantnag-Salamabad Uri-Kargil-Leh	77.33

23.	Jammu Kashmir	&	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist Facilities at Jammu- Rajouri-Shopian- Pulwama.	81.60
24.	Jammu Kashmir	8	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist Facilities - Construction of Assets in lieu of those Destroyed in Floods in 2014 under PM Development Package	90.43
25.	Jammu Kashmir	&	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist facilities at Mantalai and Sudhmahadev	91.99
26.	Jammu Kashmir	&	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist facilities at Anantnag- Pulwama-Kishtwar- Pahalgam-Zanskar Padum - Daksum - Ranjit Sagar Dam	86.39
27.	Jammu Kashmir	&	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist Facilities at Gulmarg- Baramulla- Kupwara- Kargil - Leh	91.84
28.	Jharkhand		Eco Circuit 2018-19	Development of Eco Tourism circuit: Dalma- Betla National park- Mirchaiya- Netarhat	30.44
29.	Kerala		Eco Circuit 2015-16	Development of Pathanamthitta- Gavi-Vagamon- Thekkady	64.08
30.	Kerala		Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sabarimala - Erumeli- Pampa-Sannidhanam	46.54
31.	Kerala		Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sree Padmanabha Arnamula	78.08
32.	Kerala		Rural Circuit 2018-19	Development of Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project	57.35

33.	Modbyo	Wildlife	Development of Wildlife	92.10
33.	Madhya		Development of Wildlife	92.10
	Pradesh	Circuit	Circuit at Panna-	
		2015-16	Mukundpur- Sanjay-	
			Dubri-Bandhavgarh-	
			Kanha- Mukki- Pench	
34.	Madhya	Buddhist	Development of Sanchi-	74.02
	Pradesh	Circuit	Satna-Rewa-Mandsaur-	
		2016-17	Dhar	
35.	Madhya	Heritage	Development of Gwalior	89.82
	Pradesh	Circuit	– Orchha – Khajuraho –	
		2016-17	Chanderi – Bhimbetka –	
			Mandu	
36.	Madhya	Eco Circuit	Development of	93.76
	Pradesh	2017-18	Gandhisagar Dam-	
			Mandleshwar Dam-	
			Omkareshwar Dam-	
			Indira Sagar Dam- Tawa	
			Dam- Bargi Dam- Bheda	
			Ghat- Bansagar Dam-	
			Ken River	
37.	Maharashtra	Coastal	Development of	19.06
		Circuit	Sindhudurg Coastal	
		2015-16	Circuit - Sagareshwar,	
			Tarkarli, Vijaydurg	
			(Beach & Creek),	
			Mitbhav	
38.	Maharashtra	Spiritual	Development of Waki-	45.47
		Circuit	Adasa- Dhapewada-	
		2018-19	Paradsingha-	
			Telankhandi- Girad	
39.	Manipur	North-East	Development of Tourist	72.23
		Circuit	Circuit in Manipur:	-
		2015-16	Imphal- Khongjom	
40.	Manipur	Spiritual	Development of Shri	45.34
'-		Circuit	Govindajee Temple, Shri	
		2016-17	Bijoy Govindajee	
			Temple – Shri Gopinath	
			Temple – Shri	
			Bungshibodon Temple –	
			Shri Kaina Temple	
			Jili Kallia Telliple	

41.	Meghalaya	North-East Circuit 2016-17	Development of Umium (Lake View), U Lum Sohpetbneng- Mawdiangdiang – Orchid Lake Resort	99.13
42.	Meghalaya	North-East Circuit 2018-19	Development of West Khasi Hills (Nongkhlaw-KremTirot – Khudoi & Kohmang Falls – Khri River- Mawthadraishan, Shillong), Jaintia Hills (Krang Suri Falls-Shyrmang- looksi), Garo Hills (Nokrek Reserve, Katta Beel, Siju Caves)	84.97
43.	Mizoram	North-East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Thenzawl & South Zote, District Serchhip and Reiek.	92.26
44.	Mizoram	Eco Circuit 2016-17	Development of Eco- Adventure Circuit Aizawl -Rawpuichhip - Khawhphawp - Lengpui - Chatlang- Sakawrhmuituaitlang - Muthee - Beratlawng - Tuirial Airfield - Hmuifang	66.37
45.	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Tribal Circuit Peren- Kohima- Wokha	97.36
46.	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Mokokchung-Tuensang- Mon	98.14
47.	Odisha	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara	70.82
48.	Puducherry	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Dubrayapet – Arikamedu – Veerampattinam –	58.44

			Chunnambar - Nallavadu /Narambai - Manapet- Kalapet - Puducherry - Yanam	
49.	Puducherry	Heritage Circuit 2017-18	Development of Franco- Tamil Village, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam	49.44
50.	Puducherry	Spiritual Circuit 2017-18	Development of Spiritual Circuit in Puducherry	34.96
51.	Punjab	Heritage Circuit 2018-19	Development of Anandpur Sahib - Fatehgarh Sahib - Chamkaur Sahib - Ferozpur - Khatkar Kalan - Kalanour - Patiala	85.32
52.	Rajasthan	Desert Circuit 2015-16	Development of Sambhar Lake Town and Other Destinations	50.01
53.	Rajasthan	Krishna Circuit 2016-17	Development of Govind Dev ji temple (Jaipur), Khatu Shyam Ji (Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand)	75.80
54.	Rajasthan	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Spiritual Circuit— 'Development of Churu (Salasar Balaji)-Jaipur (Shri Samodke Balaji, Ghatke Balaji, Bandheke Balaji)- Viratnagar (Bijak, Jainnasiya, Ambika Temple)- Bharatpur (Kaman Region)- Dholpur (Muchkund) - Mehndipur Balaji- Chittorgarh (Sanwaliyaji)	87.05

55.	Rajasthan	Heritage	Development of	70.61
		Circuit	Heritage Circuit	
		2017-18	Development of	
			Rajsamand	
			(Kumbhalgarh Fort) -	
			Jaipur (Facade	
			Illumination in Jaipur	
			and Nahargarh Fort) -	
			Jhalawar (Gagron Fort) -	
			Chittorgarh (Chittorgarh	
			Fort) – Jaisalmer	
			(Jaisalmer Fort) -	
			Hanumangarh	
			(Gogamedi) - Udaipur	
			(Pratap Gaurav Kendra)	
			- Dholpur (Bagh-I-Nilofor	
			and Purani Chawani) -	
			Nagaur (Meera Bai	
			Smarak, Merta) - Tonk	
			(Sunehri Kothi)	
56.	Sikkim	North-East	Development of Tourist	98.05
		Circuit	Circuit linking Rangpo	
		2015-16	(entry) – Rorathang-	
			Aritar- Phadamchen-	
			Nathang-Sherathang-	
			Tsongmo- Gangtok-	
			Phodong- Mangan-	
			Lachung-Yumthang-	
			Lachen- Thangu-	
			Gurudongmer- Mangan-	
			Gangtok-TuminLingee-	
			Singtam (exit)	
57.	Sikkim	North-East	Development of Tourist	95.32
		Circuit	Circuit Linking Singtam-	
		2016-17	Maka- Temi-	
			BermoikTokel- Phongia-	
			Namchi –Jorthang-	
			Okharey- Sombaria-	
			Daramdin- Jorethang-	
			Melli (Exit)	

58.	Tamil Nadu	Coastal	Development of	73.13
		Circuit	(Chennai-	
		2016-17	Mamamallapuram –	
			Rameshwaram –	
			Manpadu –	
			Kanyakumari)	
59.	Telangana	Eco Circuit	Development of Eco	91.62
		2015-16	Tourism Circuit in	
			Mahaboobnagar district	
60.	Telangana	Tribal	Development of Mulugu-	79.87
		Circuit	Laknavaram-	
		2016-17	Medavaram- Tadvai-	
			Damaravi- Mallur-	
			Bogatha Waterfalls	
61.	Telangana	Heritage	Development of Qutub	96.90
		Circuit	Shahi Heritage Park-	
		2017-18	Paigah Tombs- Hayat	
			Bakshi Mosque-	
			Raymond's Tomb	
62.	Tripura	North-East	Development of	82.85
	-	Circuit	Agartala - Sipahijala -	
		2015-16	Melaghar - Udaipur -	
			Amarpur- Tirthamukh-	
			Mandirghat- Dumboor-	
			NarikelKunja-	
			Gandachara – Ambassa	
63.	Tripura	North-East	Development of Surma	44.83
	_	Circuit	Cherra- Unakoti- Jampui	
		2018-19	Hills- Gunabati -	
			Bhunaneshwari-	
			Neermahal- Boxanagar-	
			Chottakhola- Pilak-	
			Avangchaarra	
64.	Uttar Pradesh	Buddhist	Development of	87.89
		Circuit	Srawasti, Kushinagar, &	
		2016-17	Kapilwastu	
65.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana	Development of	69.45
		Circuit	Chitrakoot and	
		2016-17	Shringverpur	
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66.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual	Development of Ahar-	71.91
		Circuit	Aligarh-Kasganj-Sarosi	11101
		2016-17	(Unnao)-Pratapgarh-	
			Kausambi-Mirzapur-	
			Gorakhpur-	
			Domariyaganj-Basti-	
			Barabanki-Azamgarh-	
			Kairana- Baghpat-	
			Shahjahanpur	
67.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual	Development of Bijnor-	67.51
		Circuit	Meerut- Kanpur- Kanpur	
		2016-17	Dehat- Banda- Ghazipur-	
			Salempur- Ghosi- Balia-	
			Ambedkar Nagar-	
			Aligarh- Fatehpur-	
			Deoria- Mahoba-	
			Sonbhadra- Chandauli-	
			Mishrikh- Bhadohi	
68.	Uttar Pradesh	Heritage	Development of Kalinjar	36.65
		Circuit	Fort (Banda)- Maghar	
		2016-17	Dham (Sant Kabir	
			Nagar)- Chauri Chaura,	
			Shaheed Sthal	
			(Fatehpur)- Mahuar	
			shaheed Sthal (Ghosi)-	
			Shaheed Smarak	
			(Meerut)	
69.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana	Development of	127.21
		Circuit	Ayodhya	
		2017-18		
70.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual	Development of Jewar-	12.03
		Circuit	Dadri-Sikandrabad-	
		2018-19	Noida-Khurja-Banda	
71.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual	Development of	18.30
		Circuit	Gorakhnath Temple	
		2018-19	(Gorakhpur), Devipattan	
			Temple (Balrampur) and	
			Vatvashni Temple	
			(Domariyagunj)	

72.	Uttarakhand	2015-16	Integrated Development of Eco-Tourism, Adventure Sports, and Associated Tourism Related Infrastructure for Development of Tehri Lake & Surroundings as New Destination-District Tehri	69.17
73.	Uttarakhand	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Integrated Development of Heritage Circuit in Kumaon Region - Katarmal -Jogeshwar- Baijnath-Devidhura	76.32
74.	West Bengal	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Beach Circuit: Udaipur- Digha- Shankarpur- Tajpur- Mandarmani- Fraserganj-Bakkhlai- Henry Island	67.99
75.	-	Wayside Circuit 2018-19	Development of Wayside Amenities in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar at Varanasi-Gaya; Kushinagar-Gaya- Kushinagar in collaboration with MoRTH	17.50

(ii). List of completed projects under PRASHAD Scheme is as under:

(Amount in ₹ crore)

S. No.	State	Project Name	Financial Year	Sanction Cost
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Development of Amaravati Town, Guntur District as a Tourist Destination		27.77

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2.	Andhra Pradesh	Development of Srisailam Temple	2017-18	43.08
3.	Assam	Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in and around Guwahati	2015-16	29.80
4.	Bihar	Development at Patna Sahib	2015-16	29.62
5.	Bihar	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar	2014-15	3.63
6.	Chhattisgarh		2020-21	48.44
7.	Gujarat	Development of Dwarka	2016-17	10.46
8.	Gujarat	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Somnath	2016-17	45.36
9.	Gujarat	Development of Promenade at Somnath	2018-19	47.12
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	Development at Hazratbal Shrine, Srinagar	2016-17	40.46
11.	Jharkhand	Development of Baba Baidyanath Dham, Deoghar	2018-19	36.79
12.	Kerala	Development at Guruvayur Temple	2016-17	45.19
13.	Madhya Pradesh	Development of Amarkantak	2020-21	49.99
14.	Madhya Pradesh	Development of Omkareshwar	2017-18	43.93
15.	Meghalaya	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation in Meghalaya	2020-21	29.29
16.	Nagaland	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure in Nagaland	2018-19	25.20
17.	Nagaland	Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure at Zunheboto	2022-23	18.18

18.	Punjab	Development of Karuna Sagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar	2015-16	6.40
19.	Rajasthan	Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer	2015-16	32.64
20.	Sikkim	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Four Patron Saints, Yuksom	2020-21	33.32
21.	Tamil Nadu	Development of Kanchipuram	2016-17	13.99
22.	Tamil Nadu	Development of Velankanni	2016-17	4.86
23.	Telangana	Development of Jogulamba Devi Temple, Alampur	2020-21	38.90
24.	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Varanasi – Phase –I	2015-16	18.73
25.	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Mathura- Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)	2014-15	10.98
26.	Uttar Pradesh	River Cruise Tourism in Ganga, Varanasi	2017-18	9.02
27.	Uttar Pradesh	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan	2014-15	9.36
28.	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Varanasi – Phase –II	2017-18	44.60
29.	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Infrastructure facilities at Govardhan	2018-19	37.59
30.	Uttarakhand	Integrated Development of Kedarnath	2015-16	34.77
31.	Uttarakhand	Augmentation of Pilgrimage Infrastructure Facilities and Gangotri and Yamunotri Dham		54.36
32.	West Bengal	Development of Belur Math	2016-17	30.03